



Durham

Environmental Affairs Board

M i n u t e s

November 16, 2004 ■ 6:00 p.m.

Conference Room A

Ground Floor, City Hall

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Dock Terrell, , Kathi Beratan, Sharon Beard, Ahrash Bissell, Matthew Greenwolfe, Will Anderson, and Rick Crume.

Members Absent: Excused: Howard Glasgow, Bill Harnett and Darryl Roberts
Unexcused: N/A

Guests Present:

Staff Present: Doug Vaughn, Glen Whistler, and Kathleen Snyder

Minutes:

Chairman Sharon Beard called meeting to order. Minutes were approved with a text reconciliation of the members present 7 - 0.

Announcements

- Kathleen Snyder announced that Judy Kincaid resigned from the Board to avoid any conflict of interest that might arise through her new consulting business.
- Ms. Beard brought the concern of a resident of Cambridge Place who contacted her as the EAB Chair to resolve a stream issue. The citizen had made attempts to get in touch with City Stormwater about standing water in her yard. Ex-officio member Doug Vaughn said that the City can only help in certain situations, but that the City investigated every complaint. He said that he would take care of this issue.

Old Business

The Board voted 7-0 to endorse the Request for Qualifications and Scope of Work for the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and Local Action Plan update project and recommended that the City Transportation Division move forward as soon as possible with implementation of the update and securing funding for the same. Mr. Greenwolfe agreed to sit on the working group committee in light of Ms. Kincaid's resignation.

The Board continued the air quality initiatives discussion. In an effort to move this matter forward, Ms. Snyder offered to draft a memorandum to Commissioner Reckhow for the Board's review and comment. The Board decided to have Board members draft language for a memo and then submit it to Ms. Snyder. At that point, Ms. Snyder would work on formatting any language into an appropriate form. Ms. Beratan emphasized the importance of interdepartmental

coordination and strong oversight for the success of the implementation of initiatives. Mr. Bissell suggested making recommendations in the memo that were targeted to specific departments in an effort to achieve the desired interdepartmental coordination. He also noted that Mr. Harnett had advised that the focus of the recommendations be on mobile sources. Mr. Greenwolfe noted the importance of recommendations that focus on both short term and long term solutions.

New Business

The Board voted 7-0 to permanently amend its meeting schedule so that it meets the third Tuesday of November and the second Tuesday of December in coming years.

Mr. Bissell spoke about the environmental group networking meeting sponsored by the People's Alliance. Many groups were represented by a total of about 30 people. The group decided to meet again and attempt to broaden the attendance and plan how to work together to achieve common goals. Mr. Bissell liked the idea of the EAB being a liaison for these environmental groups to the local government. There will be committees spun out of this larger group for focuses on political action and public education. A mission statement for the group is being devised. The Board agreed that it should stay involved with these efforts.

Mr. Joe Jackson and Ms. Beratan are serving as co-chairs of the results based accountability environmental working group. The members of the working group will come up with 10-15 possible areas of concentration and assign them to members to research. Ms. Beard asked that the EAB be provided with a list of the committee members and that the members were properly notified of the meeting. Ms. Beard suggested that the EAB advise the People's Alliance group of the results based accountability process and of the existence of the working group.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:17 p.m. upon a 7-0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,
Will Anderson, Secretary
December 13, 2004